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EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

Attention, Physicians, Voters!—Are you interested in continuing the practice of scientific medicine in California? Do you believe scientific medicine has any contribution to make to California in her social, economic and health development? Do you recognize that being a physician ought to make you a better citizen? Do you know that the election on November 2, 1920, so far as it affects these points, will be determined by what YOU do? . . .

EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

From an Article on "The Present Status of Anesthesiology and the Anesthetist," by Eleanor Seymour, M.D., Los Angeles.—The administration of anesthetics is an art ancient and honorable, signalized as are few procedures by both divine sanction and usage, for in the second chapter of Genesis it is recorded that "the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept, and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof." It is cause for regret that there is no detailed account of the induction and maintenance of this first anesthetic but it is evident that the administration was considered of such importance as not to be entrusted even to the Angel Gabriel,—must less an angelic nurse,—and of Adam's safe and satisfactory recovery there is abundant record. . .

From an Article on "Some Recollections and Ophthalmologic Observations from Service in the A.E.F. in France," by Vard H. Hulen, M.D., Berkeley, California.—As only a few members of this section had service in the A.E.F., some observations based on my experiences "over there" may be of more interest to you than a scientific effort limited to fifteen minutes, and a discussion of my deductions may be of some practical use even now.

The goal of every medical man who early volunteered his services was naturally France, so that when directed in September, 1918, to join B. H. 104, then almost completely organized at Camp Dodge, Iowa, destined for overseas service, I was relieved from the suspense of having waited nearly six months for overseas orders. . . .

From an Article on "Californians on the Italian Front—Historical," by Thomas C. Myers, Major M. R. C., Los Angeles.—Through the generous gift of $100,000 by Mrs. Diebert of New Orleans a hospital unit was organized in the United States known as the Loyola Unit, afterwards accepted by the U. S. A. as Base Hospital No. 102. The selection and organization of the nursing corps were delegated to the Sisters of Charity who were peculiarly fitted for this duty by reason of their management of many hospitals and training schools throughout the United States. . . .

From an Article on "End Results of Radical and Conservative Pelvic Surgery," by Alice F. Maxwell, M.D.,

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco 8.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

By F. N. SCATENA, M. D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Board Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners will be held at 1020 N St., Sacramento, from October 15 to 18th, 1945. Written examinations for all classes will be conducted and legal hearings will be conducted during the meeting.

News

"Found guilty of three counts of practicing medicine without a license, Mrs. Pauline Vigil of 1823 N. Buena Vista St., today had filed notice of an appeal. The jury reached a verdict of guilty in a case tried before Police Judge Raymond L. Reid's court. Charges had been preferred by the State Board of Medical Examiners, under the Business and Professions Code." (Hollywood *Citizen-News,* August 14, 1945.)

"A Glendale physician was under arrest today charged with falsifying a birth certificate to enable the adoption of a 'black market baby' without the formality of going through state controlled adoption, according to Glendale police. He was Dr. Philip V. Abrams, 30, of 1601 Griffith Park boulevard, Glendale, who maintains an office in that city at 115 West Hayworth Avenue. . . ." (Los Angeles *Herald and Express,* August 9, 1945.) The records show that Dr. Abrams is under jurisdiction of the Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

"In Long Beach, California, a woman 'doctor' has been indicted for murder and police believe that through her arrest they have cleaned up 'one of the nation's largest abortion mills.' The woman has admitted that she performed from 30 to 35 abortions each week for the past two years—a total of more than 3,000. Her arrest followed the death of one of her 'patients,' the wife of a navy man. The woman spoke freely to police of her life-destroying work, and said that she had been engaged in the nefarious practice of performing abortions ever since she moved to California 18 years ago. . . ." (Banning *Live Wire,* July 12, 1945.)

"Dr. Samuel D. Collins, 42, chiropractor, accused of performing illegal operations which led to one death and another critical illness, today was free on $7,500 bail and denied performing either operation. Trial has been set for Sept. 28. Collins was seized in front of Georgia Street Receiving Hospital after police reported he tried to push Crystal L. Hawkins, 23, from his automobile. At the hospital, Mrs. Hawkins was found to be suffering from the effects of an illegal operation. The chiropractor is also under suspicion in connection with the death of Margie F. Wilson, 20, also from an illegal operation, July 27." (Pasadena *Star-News,* August 7, 1945.)

"His 'love cure' prescription and subsequent beating of the woman patient who refused it today sent Dr. Wendell White, 35-year-old Glendale physician, to jail for 90 days of a 180-day term. Police Judge Charles Dwyer sus-

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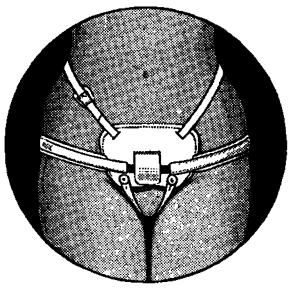

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San Francisco, Instructor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of California Medical School.—For many years, gynecologists have been keenly interested in two problems, namely, the proper treatment of chronic pelvic inflammatory disease in women during the child bearing age, and the conservation or removal of ovaries with hysterectomy.

The material for this study has been furnished by the records of the Woman's Clinic of the University of California Hospital and consists of 446 cases. In order to obtain a clear and accurate impression as to the postoperative results and sequelae in any compilation, it is very essential that a report be obtained of consecutive cases of the series. . . .

From an Article on "The Significance of the Science of Obstetrics and Gynecology Considered as Specialties," by Henry P. Newman, M.D., San Diego, California.—What keeps medicine in an unassailable place, is not knife, needle or suture, nor the skill of the hands that wield them; it is the indomitable purpose to help and save humanity from its own errors, at whatever price. It is just the lack of this vital principle that distinguishes practitioners of the free and unlimited profession of medicine from those of other so-called "schools," whose claim to existence is founded on allegiance to manner and method. If this were better understood there would be less confusion concerning the merits of this and that system.

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Men resemble their contemporaries even more than their progenitors.
—Emerson, *Representative Men: Uses of Great Men.*

All, as they say, that glitters is not gold.
—Dryden, *The Hind and the Panther.* Pt. ii, 1.215. (1687)

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pended another 90 days of sentence and placed White on one year's probation on his plea of guilty to battery charges. The physician was accused of offering to administer 'love treatments' for $10 apiece to Mrs. Sidnie Leonard after he examined her in his office. When she refused, Mrs. Leonard said White kicked her and hit her in the stomach. 'This is not the only case against you reported to the police. Ever since your arrest we have reports that you beat other women,' Judge Dwyer told White." (Burbank *Review,* August 17, 1945.)

"Pleas of innocence were entered in superior court yesterday by Dr. Lloyd Tilbury, Oceanside osteopath, and Mrs. Georgia R. Renfrow, nurse assistant, charged in a

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